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## Air Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### Air Canada's Inaugural Amsterdam-Montreal Route Takes Off; Uplifts Sustainable Aviation Fuel in Amsterdam



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada completed its inaugural Montreal to Amsterdam flights on June 2, 2023, with a Boeing 787 Dreamliner using sustainable aviation fuel. Coinciding with the launch of Air Canada's second route from Amsterdam to Canada, the airline is further advancing initiatives in its Climate Action Plan by expanding its partnership with Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) producer Neste in Europe to now incorporate Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™ in some of its flights at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Use of SAF could reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by up to 80%\* over the fuel's life cycle, compared to use of conventional jet fuel. This reduction is calculated based on a full lifecycle assessment. "We are thrilled to launch our new, non-stop service between Amsterdam and Montreal for summer 2023, which complements our year-round flights between the Dutch capital and Toronto. The start of our flights between Montreal and Amsterdam also marks our first SAF supply in Europe and demonstrates the value of this proven technology. Along with the entire Canadian aviation industry, we believe Canada should invest in SAF

production and call upon government and other stakeholders to make this a priority," said Michael Rousseau, President and Chief Executive Officer at Air Canada.

*Air Canada's Inaugural Amsterdam-Montreal Route Takes Off; Uplifts Sustainable Aviation Fuel in Amsterdam, June 2, 2023, [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)*

#### Flair tops Canadian airlines with highest number of complaints per 100 flights: report Sunwing Airlines Inc. comes second



Source: Financial Post

Flair Airlines Ltd. has the highest number of complaints per 100 flights of all the major airlines in Canada, according to the Canadian Transportation Agency, as airlines have had a rocky recovery year with delayed and cancelled flights. Between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, Flair saw an average of 15.3 complaints per 100 flights according to the report published in late April. Back in March, Flair saw four of its leased planes seized because of overdue payments, causing hundreds of cancelled flights. Sunwing Airlines Inc. came second at 13.8 complaints per 100 flights, and Swoop Inc. was third at 13.2. Meanwhile, WestJet had 6.6 complaints per 100 flights, Air Canada had 4.3 and Air Transat averaged 3.3 complaints.

*Flair tops Canadian airlines with highest number of complaints per 100 flights: report Sunwing Airlines Inc. comes second, June 5, 2023, [www.financialpost.ca](http://www.financialpost.ca)*

## **Governments of Canada and the Netherlands co-host the third annual Safer Skies Forum**

On June 6, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, in partnership with Mark Harbers, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management for the Netherlands, officially opened and addressed the third Safer Skies Forum. Canada and the Netherlands are co-hosting the event, the only international forum dedicated to mitigating airspace risks over or near conflict zones. It brings together expert partners from states, international organizations, and the civil aviation industry. The third Safer Skies Forum will include discussions on how to better protect civil aviation from the risks posed by conflict zones in a more proactive way. The Safer Skies Initiative commits Canada to working with international partners to address gaps in how the civil aviation sector contends with conflict zones. During his address, Minister Alghabra announced that Canada's working paper requesting that the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) prioritize a review of the ICAO Risk Assessment Manual for Civil Aircraft Operations Over or Near Conflict Zones was universally supported at the organization's 41st General Assembly. He also announced that the Manual was submitted to ICAO for official review in January 2023, and that a status update on the review of the document will be provided by the ICAO Secretariat at the Forum.

*Governments of Canada and the Netherlands co-host the third annual Safer Skies Forum, June 6, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

## **Opening remarks for Canada's Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Third Safer Skies Forum**

The Minister of Transport thanked the government of the Netherlands for helping bring all of us together for this important work. The Safer Skies Initiative continues to be a priority for the Government of Canada – and for me, personally. Aviation is critical for keeping people and places connected across the planet. Unfortunately, conflict zones around the world continue to be a real danger for civil aviation operations. In January 2020, the downing of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 took the lives of 176 innocent individuals. Five years earlier, Dutch families and friends were devastated by the grievous downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, resulting in 298 lives lost. Compelled by that tragedy, the Dutch government dedicated itself to enhancing the safety and security of civil aviation over or near

conflict zones. In March 2022, at the second Safer Skies Forum, we came together to lay the groundwork for improved collaboration and information sharing. We will discuss best practices for refocusing conflict zone management systems, to make them preventative instead of reactive. The Safer Skies Consultative Committee, co-chaired by Canada and the Netherlands, has continued to make progress with meaningful work on conflict zone risk management. At ICAO's 41st General Assembly, I and my colleagues in the European Union submitted a working paper requesting that ICAO prioritize a review of the Manual. Our working paper was universally supported by the ICAO General Assembly. Unfortunately, because of the state of our world today, we need to keep working to prevent future conflict zone-related aviation tragedies. Indeed, the need and urgency for preventative measures and cooperation on safe air travel has only increased. Russia's continuing illegal and unjustifiable war in Ukraine has degraded regional air safety, given rise to new risks, and has redrawn the global air travel map. Over the last year, partners across the global civil aviation community have worked together very closely, to share information about this and other emerging or evolving conflicts. I call on all parties present today to continue this collaborative spirit. We can only keep our skies safe and prevent future tragedies if we work together. There is still a lot of work to do.

*Opening remarks for Canada's Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Third Safer Skies Forum, June 6, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

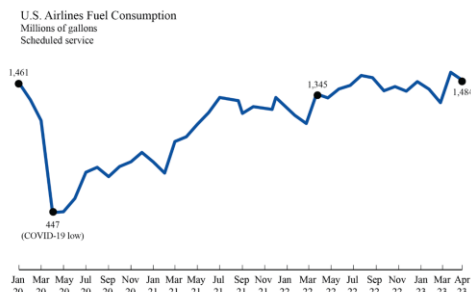
## **Important information for passengers affected by recent Air Canada flight delays and cancellations**

As stated in the *Air Passenger Protection Regulations*, passengers who feel that they have not received compensation or other entitlements that they should have received from Air Canada for recent cancelled flights should make a claim directly with the airline. If the airline does not respond to their claim within 30 days, or if it provides an unsatisfactory response, travelers should file a complaint with the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA). Each complaint filed with the CTA will be decided on the specific facts of the case. However, in light of the principles established by the CTA's decisions in Lareau v Westjet and Anslow v Sunwing, there is a high threshold for airlines to demonstrate that flight disruptions due to the airlines own actions or failure are outside their control or required for safety, and thus avoid paying compensation for inconvenience.

*Important information for passengers affected by recent Air Canada flight delays and cancellations, June 7, 2023, [www.cta-otc.gc.ca](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca)*

## US/WORLD

### ✈️ U.S. Airlines' April 2023 Fuel Consumption Back to Pre-pandemic Levels; Fuel Cost per Gallon up 29.3% from Pre-pandemic level, Down Substantially from the June 2022 Recent-high of \$4.04



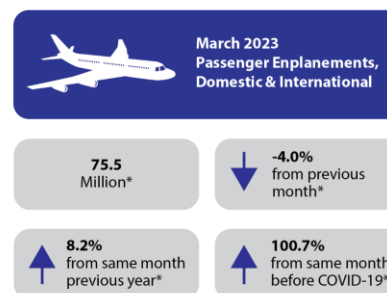
Source: BTS

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on June 2, 2023 released U.S. airlines' April 2023 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.484 billion gallons of fuel, 3.9% less fuel than in March 2023 (1.545 billion gallons) and 0.1% less than in pre-pandemic April 2019. The cost per gallon of fuel in April 2023 (\$2.66) was down 26 cents (8.8%) from March 2023 (\$2.91) and up \$0.60 (29.3%) from April 2019. Total April 2023 fuel expenditure (\$3.94B) was down 12.4% from March 2023 (\$4.50B) and up 29.1% from pre-pandemic April 2019. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for April 2023 include 6.8% increase in domestic fuel consumption, 20.6% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and 25.6% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 6.4% from March 2023 to April 2023, while increasing 0.5% from April 2019. Increased fuel consumption

reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

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### ✈️ March 2023 US Airline Enplanements Reach Within One Percent of All-Time Monthly High in 2019



\*seasonally adjusted

Source: BTS

U.S. airlines carried 79.5 million systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passengers in March 2023, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). When adjusted for seasonality, March 2023 enplanements are down 4.0% from February 2023 and down 6.5% from the all-time high reached in January 2020. BTS reported 69.4 million domestic passengers and 10.0 million international passengers on U.S. airlines flights in March 2023, not adjusting for seasonality. U.S. airline traffic reports are filed monthly with BTS.

*March 2023 US Airline Enplanements Reach Within One Percent of All-Time Monthly High in 2019, June 8, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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## Rail Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### **CN Among Global Leaders in Sustainability**

CN is proud to be part of the United Nations Vision 2045 documentary film series. CN's video highlights how the Company is moving towards a more sustainable future. CN is building on its decarbonization initiatives, its deployment of operating technologies to drive safety and efficiency, its focus on making CN a great place to work, and by engaging with all stakeholders with trust and transparency. CN's sustainability leadership is recognized through its inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability World and North American Indices. CN has also been recognized for its climate leadership, securing a place on CDP's prestigious Climate Change "A" List. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN said "For more than 100 years, CN has been powering and growing the North American economy and we intend to be here, *Delivering Responsibly*, for centuries to come."

*CN Among Global Leaders in Sustainability, June 2, 2023, [www.cn.ca](http://www.cn.ca)*

### US/WORLD

#### **Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 63 Projects in 32 States That Will Help Reduce Train-Vehicle Collisions and Blocked Rail Crossings in the U.S.**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) on June 5, 2023 announced it has awarded more than \$570 million in Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Program funding to projects in 32 states. This inaugural round of funding will address more than 400 at-grade crossings nationwide, improve safety, and make it easier to get around railroad tracks by adding grade separations, closing at-grade crossings, and improving existing at-grade crossings where train tracks and roads intersect.

*Biden-Harris Administration Announces Funding for 63 Projects in 32 States That Will Help Reduce Train-Vehicle Collisions and Blocked Rail Crossings in the U.S., June 5, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*

#### **Intermodal: 'On the Decline in 2023'**



Source: Railway Age

"Roughly half of U.S. intermodal shipments are related to international trade, so what happens at ports is extremely important to railroads," said John T. Gray, Senior Vice President of the Association of American Railroads (AAR), which on June 7, 2023 released a report on U.S. rail traffic for May 2023 and for the week ending June 3, 2023. "U.S. port volumes, especially on the West Coast, have already been trending down for months and are a major reason why rail intermodal volumes have been on the decline in 2023." Both May 2023 and the week ending June 3, 2023 saw U.S. carloads rise and intermodal volume drop compared with the prior-year periods, according to [AAR January 2023](#) and [April 2023](#) results were similar, while [February 2023](#) and [March 2023](#) saw both carloads and intermodal volumes decline. U.S. railroads originated 1,129,255 carloads in May 2023, up 0.8%, or 8,840 carloads, from the same month last year. They also originated 1,190,553 containers and trailers, down 11.1%, or 148,780 units, from 2022. Combined U.S. carload and intermodal originations in May 2023

were 2,319,808, down 5.7%, or 139,940 carloads and intermodal units, from May 2022. Last month, nine of the 20 carload commodity categories tracked by AAR each month saw carload gains compared with May 2022. Total U.S. weekly rail traffic came in at 439,601 carloads and intermodal units for the week ending June 3, 2023. This was down 5.7% compared with the same week last year, according to AAR. Class I railroads hauled 219,289 carloads, up 0.4% from the same week in 2022, and 220,312 containers and trailers, down 11.1% from 2022. Canadian railroads reported 85,340 carloads for the week ending June 3, 2023, a 2.4% drop-off, and 72,713 intermodal units, a 2.3% decline compared with the same point last year. For the first 22 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,518,660 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.7%.

*Intermodal: 'On the Decline in 2023', June 7, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



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## Marine Transport Updates

### CANADA

#### ILWU Canada threatens strike at Vancouver, Prince Rupert



Source: American Shipper

Longshore labor Container shipping Trans-Pacific Ports North American ports North-American rail International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Canada on June 5, 2023 threatened to strike at the ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert, telling its rank-and-file to vote later this week on whether to issue a 72-hour notice for a work action. The threat against Vancouver and Prince Rupert, both major gateways for US cargoes with direct intermodal rail services to Chicago, comes as ILWU Canada's US counterpart slows cargo flow for a fourth day. The prospect of labor disruptions on both the US and Canadian West coasts is unprecedented. Vancouver is Canada's largest container port and Prince Rupert ranks third. ILWU Canada is seeking significant wage increases, while the potential for automation of cargo-handling equipment at a planned Vancouver marine terminal is also raising labor's ire.

*ILWU Canada threatens strike at Vancouver, Prince Rupert, June 5, 2023, [www.americanshipper.com](http://www.americanshipper.com)*

#### Minister of Transport announces call for proposals for the Boating Safety Contribution Program

On June 6, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, announced a Call for proposals, inviting organizations who raise public education and awareness about recreational boating safety issues, practices, and behaviours in Canada to submit their applications. Under the Boating Safety Contribution Program, funding is provided to support the following eligible activities in alignment with the program's objective

*Minister of Transport announces call for proposals for the Boating Safety Contribution Program, June 6, 2023, [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)*

#### Port authority announces winners of Blue Circle Awards for environmental stewardship



Source: Port Metro Vancouver

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority is pleased to announce the winners of the annual Blue Circle Awards, which celebrate

environmental leadership by tenants and customers at Port of Vancouver. “It is an honour to acknowledge the efforts of so many industry partners for making important and tangible progress towards reducing the environmental impacts, emissions and energy use associated with Canadian trade,” said Duncan Wilson, vice president of environment and external affairs at the port authority. “Congratulations to all our Blue Circle Award recipients for their ongoing efforts to build sustainability into their operations. This year, alongside 11 shipping lines and four coastal marine operators, we are thrilled to recognize seven cruise lines for their continued focus on reducing their environmental footprint during the return of cruise to the Port of Vancouver in 2022.” The port authority’s Blue Circle Awards recognize shipping companies and terminal operators that go above and beyond to reduce underwater noise and emissions, and to conserve energy through the port authority’s EcoAction and Energy Action programs.

*Port authority announces winners of Blue Circle Awards for environmental stewardship, June 8, 2023, [www.metrovancouver.com](http://www.metrovancouver.com)*

## Record growth trajectory to ramp up for Port Saint John focus of Port Days keynote



Source: AJOT

The fastest growing container port on the Eastern Seaboard and in Canada, is about to experience exponential growth, all while working responsibly and with the community in mind, according to President and CEO of CPKC, Keith Creel who spoke to a full house at the Trade and Convention Centre at Saint John Port Days. In his inaugural speech since the merger of Class I railways Canadian Pacific (CP) and Kansas City Southern (KCS), which made CPKC the first and only transnational rail network in North America, Creel praised the Port’s growth and continued expansion rate. CP began calling into the Port in 2020 and with the recent merger of CP and KCS they have created the only 20,000-mile railway stretching from Canada through to the

U.S. and Mexico. The line now stretches from Vancouver, B.C., to Saint John, N.B. and onwards to New Orleans, Houston, and Mexico City, connecting ports along the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. In addressing several hundred business leaders who attended the keynote lunch, Keith Creel shared CPKC’s commitment to sustainable growth and strategic collaboration. Last year, Port Saint John and its partners exceeded the milestone of 100,000 TEUs of cargo passing through the Port, going on to end the year with more than 150,000 TEUs in throughput and an annual growth rate of 72 per cent – the largest container volume the Port has ever processed in a single year. With hundreds of millions in investments from the private sector, government, and the Port itself, Port Saint John will soon have capacity to reach 800,000 TEUs.

*Record growth trajectory to ramp up for Port Saint John focus of Port Days keynote, June 8, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## US/WORLD

### West Coast container ports hit as labor talks take ominous turn



Source: Freightwaves

Will West Coast port labor negotiations devolve into a major, extended disruption to U.S. supply chains, akin to the labor fallout in 2014-2015? If there was a way to place a “prop” bet on this, how have the odds changed since the last port labor contract expired on July 1, 2022? The longer the talks drag on, the higher the chance of a worst-case scenario. Talks on the new contract began in May 2022. The one-year anniversary has now come and gone. There have been glimmers of hope along the way, at times nudging the betting line toward a less dramatic climax. The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) said on April 20, 2023 that agreements were reached “on certain key issues,” reportedly including automation. Yet some handicappers would have noticed the timing. That announcement came the very day the Biden administration’s pick to lead the

Department of Labor, Julie Su, had her Senate nomination hearing. The progress announcement allowed her to tell lawmakers she had obtained positive results after engaging the parties. Oddsmakers who placed little weight on the April 20 announcement look like they're right. The betting line just shifted in favor of the large-scale disruption scenario. On June 2, 2023, the ILWU staged "concerted and disruptive work actions that effectively shut down operations at some marine terminals at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach," said the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), the group representing the terminals in the labor negotiations. At least one terminal at the Port of Long Beach will be shut on June 5, 2023, seeming to extend disruptions that have hit several key US West Coast port terminals as dockworkers and their employers hold ongoing labor contract negotiations. Total Terminals International, or TTI, at the Port of Long Beach has cancelled operations June 5 morning, according to a notice sent to truckers and posted on its website. The Pacific Maritime Association, which represents ocean carriers and terminal operators, said that a West Coast dockworkers guild "effectively shut down some terminals across every major container gateway on the US West Coast" on June 2, 2023.

*West Coast container ports hit as labor talks take ominous turn, June 2, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com); and West Coast port terminal to close Monday as disruptions persist, June 4, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **West Coast port disruptions to extend to Tuesday amid labor rift**

Intermittent disruptions at several key US West Coast ports are set to stretch into their fifth day June 6, 2023 (Tuesday) amid ongoing labor-contracts negotiations. Pacific Container Terminals at the Port of Long Beach has cancelled cargo operations for Tuesday's first shift, according to a notice sent to the trucking community. The notice didn't cite a reason for the closure. At least one terminal at the Port of Los Angeles cancelled cargo operations on June 5, 2023, while two terminals at the Port of Long Beach were closed on the same day "based on operational needs" and will reopen for the evening shift, Executive Director Mario Cordero said in a statement. The port is otherwise running normally, he said. West Coast dockworkers and their employers have been holding labor contract negotiations for over a year, with the occasional slowdown or work stoppage interrupting the flow of cargo that goes through the US's biggest import hub. The Pacific Maritime Association blamed the International Longshore and Warehouse Union for the latest spate of disruptions.

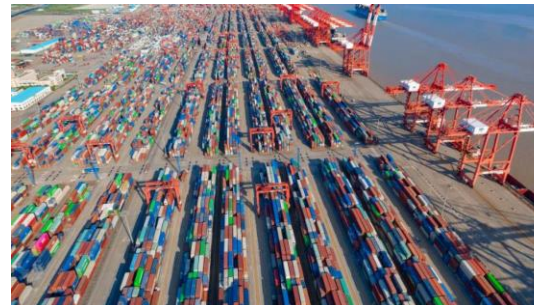
*West Coast port disruptions to extend to Tuesday amid labor rift, June 6, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **Container ships see widespread delays at California's main ports**

Almost every container ship at the biggest import gateway in the US is seeing delayed departures or is waiting for a berth, as labor-related disruptions continue on the West Coast. "Basically every container vessel is having their schedule pushed back by about a day or two," Richard Palmer of the Marine Exchange of Southern California said in an emailed operations update. He said the main reason he's seen is a lack of "lashers," or longshoremen who secure containers aboard ships. Palmer said agents for 10 of the vessels attributed the delays to a shortage of labor, and that some agencies didn't want to comment on the labor situation or didn't specify a reason for the delay. US West Coast ports are enduring the longest labor-related disruptions since 2015 as talks between port employers and dockworkers close in on one year of negotiations on a new contract. Labor shortages that started last week caused some terminals on the West Coast to close. Since then there have been intermittent disruptions at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, which are together the US's largest hub for imports that are shipped in containers. The previous labor contract covering 29 ports from California to Washington State expired July 1. The International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union, representing 22,000 dockworkers, and the Pacific Maritime Association, which represents ocean carriers and terminal operators, have been negotiating since May 2022.

*Container ships see widespread delays at California's main ports, June 7, 2023, [www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)*

## **Rate of US import declines to slow into third quarter: Retailers**



Source: JOC

As consumer spending slows, US container imports are on track to drop by more than 20% in the first half of 2023 from the same period last year, the National Retail Federation (NRF) said on June 7, 2023.



The year-on-year gap will only narrow in the third quarter as shippers start to ramp up back-to-school and seasonal product ordering, the group said in its monthly Global Port Tracker (GPT). While May 2023 numbers are not official yet and June 2023 is only in its first week, the GPT estimates that those months will see US container imports fall 23% and 15%, respectively

*Rate of US import declines to slow into third quarter: Retailers, June 7, 2023, [www.joc.com](http://www.joc.com)*

## Port of Los Angeles Adopts \$2B FY23/24 Budget



Source: Railway Age

The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners on June 7, 2023 approved a \$2 billion Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 annual budget for the Port of Los Angeles, calling for “increased investment in Port operational and public-access infrastructure, as well as support for a range of industry leading sustainability and decarbonization initiatives.” After experiencing sharp declines in cargo volumes in FY 2022/23 due to “inflationary pressures and an overall slowdown in global cargo,” the Port says it forecasts modest gains in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023. As a result, the approved budget predicts a 5.1% year-over-year increase to 8.9 million TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units) in FY 2023/24. According to the [Port of Los Angeles](http://www.portoflosangeles.com), the budget includes total operating revenues of \$652.9 million, an 8.6% increase over the FY 2022/23 forecast. Shipping services are expected to make up the bulk of operating revenues at 73.3%, followed by rentals at 15.1%.

*Port of Los Angeles Adopts \$2B FY23/24 Budget, June 8, 2023, [www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)*



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#### Passenger bus and urban transit, 2021



Source: Statcan

Total revenues for the more than 1,500 passenger bus and urban transit companies in Canada were \$23.7 billion in 2021, up 12.1% from 2020 and roughly on par with 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the increase from 2020, lingering impacts from the pandemic lockdown measures continued to be felt. With revenues of nearly \$20.1 billion in 2021, urban transit agencies—of which there were 104—accounted for most of these revenues (85%). Despite fewer passengers due to pandemic restrictions, revenues remained at historic levels in 2021 largely due to subsidies.

*Passenger bus and urban transit, 2021, June 2, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*



#### GLS Canada acquires Altimax Courier



Source: Today's Trucking

Parcel, freight, and logistics provider GLS Canada has acquired 100% of the shares of Moncton, N.B.-based Altimax Courier, a company offering air and ground service in Atlantic Canada. “It is with much excitement that we welcome Wes Penwarden and the entire Altimax team to our GLS family,” GLS Canada president Rick Barnes said in a news release. “Altimax has been both a client and a supplier to GLS for 17 years and we have always appreciated the exceptional commitment to quality they offered throughout the Atlantic provinces.” *GLS Canada acquires Altimax Courier, June 2, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## Alberta's Peavey Industries acquires Guy's Freightways and Penske Automotive acquires Transolutions Truck Centres



Source: Today's Trucking

Red-Deer, Alta.-based retailer *Peavey Industries* has acquired long-term partner and fellow Red Deer logistics and transportation company *Guy's Freightways*. *Guy's Freightways*, established in 1975 by Bernie Schwartz, began as a single-truck operation delivering products to six Peavey Mart stores. Today, with 16 full-time trucks and 43 trailers, *Guy's* has evolved alongside Peavey Mart, now part of Peavey Industries, to service their retail network across Canada. National Farmway Stores, founded in 1967, was rebranded as Peavey Mart in 1975. Today, Peavey Industries has more than 160 retail locations with its brands Peavey Mart, ACE Canada, and MainStreet Hardware. *Guy's Freightways* delivers products to many of these stores in Canada. *Penske Automotive Group* is establishing its first presence in Manitoba, acquiring Winnipeg-based *Transolutions Truck Centres* — a medium- and heavy-duty truck and bus dealership group. *Transolutions* has five locations in the greater Winnipeg market, including three full-service dealerships and two parts and service centres. It sells and services Freightliner Trucks, Western Star Trucks and Thomas Built Buses, and is Manitoba's licensed dealer for SelecTrucks, Daimler Truck's used vehicle brand. The deal is expected to add 73 service bays, 59 technicians, and 200 employees to the Premier Truck Group team, and \$180 million in annualized revenue. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Premier Truck Group has 44 locations in North America — including Ontario — as well as dealerships in the U.K., Germany, Italy and Japan. It's also one of the largest retailers of Freightliner trucks in North America. In Australia and New Zealand it distributes and sells commercial vehicles, diesel and gas engines, power systems, and related parts and services.

*Alberta's Peavey Industries acquires Guy's Freightways*, June 5, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com) and *Penske Automotive acquires Transolutions Truck Centres*, June 5, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)

## B.C. port project to invest in hydrogen and fuel cells



Source: Today's Trucking

British Columbia will invest \$4 million into the B.C. Hydrogen Ports Project (BCH2 Ports), introducing infrastructure such as a high-capacity fueling station that will initially support heavy-duty hydrogen-electric vehicles. The station will be located at a Parkland Corporation cardlock on Tsawwassen First Nation land, while the hydrogen will be supplied by HTEC — a production, distribution, dispensing and fleet-services company. It marks the province's first large-scale project to use hydrogen and fuel cells for shipping and transportation. "We're working to reduce emissions in B.C.'s commercial transport sector, which accounts for about 60% of transport emissions and 25% of total provincial emissions," Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation Minister Josie Osborne said in a press release.

*B.C. port project to invest in hydrogen and fuel cells*, June 6, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)

## For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, first quarter 2023



Source: Statcan

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is now available for the first quarter of 2023. For the first quarter of 2023, the index for truck transportation was 123.3 a decline from 127.2 for the last quarter for 2022. The index for truck transportation in March 2023 was 122.3, 0.9 points lower than that in February 2023.

*For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, first quarter 2023, June 7, 2023, [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)*

## **Transport Canada, Provinces & Territories Introduce HoS Relief for Nova Scotia Wildfire Response Efforts**

Transport Canada, the Provinces and Territories have made available an optional hours of service exemption for extra-provincial truck undertakings to assist in the emergency response to wildfires in Nova Scotia. Termed, the “Targeted Essential Freight Transport Exemption to Support the Emergency Response to Wildfires in Nova Scotia”, the measure provides options for an hours-of-service exemption designed solely to support efforts by extra-provincial truck undertakings and their drivers to transport essential supplies and equipment, in direct assistance to the emergency relief efforts in response to the wildfires in Nova Scotia. The exemption comes for temporary relief from the scheduling provisions in sections 12 to 29 of the Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations. There are several detailed conditions associated with the exemption that carriers are strongly encouraged to review.

*Transport Canada, Provinces & Territories Introduce HoS Relief for Nova Scotia Wildfire Response Efforts, June 6, 2023, [www.ontruck.ca](http://www.ontruck.ca)*

## **Trappers Transport acquires Plett Trucking**



Source: Today's Trucking

Trappers Transport has expanded its cold chain logistics business with the acquisition of refrigerated transporter Plett Trucking. Plett Trucking was founded in 1968 as Landmark Transfer, growing into a national transportation provider. The two Manitoba-based companies have

worked together since the 1990s. Plett adds 40 power units and 60 refrigerated trailers to the Trappers fleet.

*Trappers Transport acquires Plett Trucking, June 8, 2023, [www.todaystrucking.com](http://www.todaystrucking.com)*

## **US/WORLD**

### **Feds report more truck drivers dying from not using seat belts**

The lack of seat belt use among truck drivers is grabbing the attention of federal regulators concerned about the latest fatality data. “One thing we’re seeing in trucking and other sectors is that seat belt usage is going down,” said Polly Trottenberg, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, speaking at a DOT safety forum last week. “And when we look at the fatality numbers they are extraordinarily disproportionately people who are unbelted.” In 2021, 64% of truck drivers killed in crashes of large trucks were not wearing a seat belt, according to the latest data compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That compares with 59% in 2019 and 44% in 2020. Data on deaths of large-truck occupants (drivers or passengers) reveals that 42.6% were wearing a seat belt. Of those who were not, nearly 75% were totally ejected from the truck.

*Feds report more truck drivers dying from not using seat belts, June 6, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### **Look for hefty rate hikes in 2024, parcel consultants say**



Source: Freightwaves

Weak pricing for the rest of the 2023 parcel-delivery season will give way to 6%-10% increases in base rates and accessorials charges in 2024, according to parcel consultants. Branden Burt, director of parcel operations for TransImpact LLC, said that weak freight markets will keep rates low through the balance of the year. However, that will not

stop carriers from taking up rates in 2024 due largely to the impact of inflation, and the dominance the carriers enjoy on business-to-business (B2B) and to a lesser extent, business-to-consumer (B2C) deliveries. Shippers, which will soon gear toward building their 2024 budgets, should expect another inflation-driven increase in tariff rates of about 5.9%-6.9%, which Burt said “mirrors the sentiments” of late 2022. [FedEx Corp.](#) and [UPS Inc.](#) imposed record-setting 6.9% general rate increases for 2023. FedEx executives, in particular, have been public in saying that most of those increases have held.

*Look for hefty rate hikes in 2024, parcel consultants say, June 8, 2023, [www.freightwaves.com](http://www.freightwaves.com)*

### **U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Loan of Up to \$45 Million for the Rural Two-Lane Advancement and Management Plan Project in Oklahoma**

The U.S. Department of Transportation on June 8, 2023 announced that its Build America Bureau has provided a \$45 million low-interest loan to the Oklahoma Capital Improvement Authority (OCIA), on behalf of the [Oklahoma Department of Transportation](#) (ODOT) to improve rural road safety. By providing Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans and other financing, the Bureau helps communities expedite infrastructure projects and reduce project costs. This project will improve safety for Oklahomans in seven counties

*U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Loan of Up to \$45 Million for the Rural Two-Lane Advancement and Management Plan Project in Oklahoma, June 8, 2023, [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov)*



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 **U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 3.6% in May 2023 Was Below the May 2022 Level of 4.5% And Was Below the Pre-Pandemic May Level of 4.3% in 2019**

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) May 2023 3.4%	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted) May 2023 3.6%
0.0 change from same month last year	▼ -0.9 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 3.6% (not seasonally adjusted) in May 2023 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data recently updated on the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Unemployment in Transportation dashboard. The May 2023 rate fell 0.9 percentage points from 4.5% in May 2022 and was below the pre-pandemic May level of 4.3% in May 2019. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was above overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in May 2023 was 3.4% or 0.2 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in May 2023 was 3.7%.

*U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate of 3.6% in May 2023 Was Below the May 2022 Level of 4.5% And Was Below the Pre-Pandemic May Level of 4.3% in 2019, June 2, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*

 **April 2023 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Down 1.2% from the Previous Month and Down 2.5% from the Same Month Last Year**



Source: BTS

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, fell 1.2% in April 2023 from March 2023, falling for the second consecutive month, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics' (BTS). From April 2022 to April 2023 the index fell 2.5%.

*April 2023 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI) Down 1.2% from the Previous Month and Down 2.5% from the Same Month Last Year, June 7, 2023, [www.bts.gov](http://www.bts.gov)*



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**CILTNA Webinar: "Toward Decarbonization of West Coast Sea and Air: Harbour/Escort Tugs and Commuter Airplanes"**

Thursday, June 22, 2023  
60 Minute Webinar  
12:00 PM ET / 9:00 AM PT / 5:00 PM GMT

Moderated by: Eugene Hoeven, President and Founder, EH&A Business Advisory

Vince Percy, Director of Operations - HaiSea Marine

Erika Holtz, Engineering and Quality Manager, Harbour Air Group

Canada has committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Join us to learn how HaiSea Marine and Harbour Air Group are helping to make that a realization through green tugboat fleets and electrically-powered aircraft.

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Vince Percy, Director of Operations – HaiSea Marine will discuss how HaiSea Marine LP., majority owned by the Haisla Nation, Kitimat in partnership with Seaspan, ULC has a major contract with LNG Canada to build and operate escort and harbour tugs for their new export facility at Kitimat. Designed by Vancouver-based naval architect Robert Allan Ltd, and built by Sanmar Shipyards based in Turkiye, 5 new tugs were named, following a naming contest, by Haisla Chief Councillor Crystal Smith in North Vancouver in May 2023.

The new fleet will be among the greenest tugboat fleets in the world. The three harbour tugs will be first of class battery electric tugs, designed to perform berthing and unberthing missions using battery electric power. With an ample supply of hydroelectric power in Kitimat, the tugs will be able to recharge from shore-charging stations, resulting in near zero emissions.

The two escort tugs will be powered by dual fuel (LNG and diesel), the west coast's most powerful escort tugs. They will feature an exhaust after-treatment system, meeting the most stringent IMO standards.

Erika Holtz, Engineering and Quality Manager, Harbour Air Group will discuss how in August 2022, Canadian seaplane operator Harbour Air for the first time flew its electrically-powered De Havilland Beaver prototype aircraft on a point-to-point test flight. The eBeaver flew 45 miles in 24 minutes between Vancouver and Victoria, BC.

In its April 21 Earth Day update on its "electric journey" the airline stated that there had been many "twists and turns" as it conducted tests on its eplane. It had hoped to be carrying passengers in the next couple of years. However, supply chain issues and changes to the types of electric engines have led to several delays.

Indeed the approval process for the magni650 with its novel engine and battery technology has caused issues. Harbour Air said, "certifying the installation of components into an aircraft where no certification path exists has been difficult" and that the new technology had been "outpacing the regulators". It is hoped that the certification of the magni650 will be granted in mid-2025, with fare-paying passengers shortly thereafter.

## About the presenters:



**Vince Percy**, Director of Operations – HaiSea Marine

Having grown up in a small fishing town and subsequently entering the field of marine engineering, Vince has been involved in the maritime industry for his whole life. Over the years, he sailed on many different types of ships, progressing from a cadet to a chief engineer. More recently, he has been fortunate to oversee the construction of two dual-fuel LNG battery hybrid ferries. Following the vessels' successful entry into service, Vince joined HaiSea Marine as Director of Operations. In his current role, he is responsible for operational readiness, including business startup activities, integration of shared services, contractual compliance, and the steerage of the company's start-up plans.

What he finds most interesting about the industry is the variety of challenges and opportunities. Originally, Vince decided to become a marine engineer because it is such a multi-dimensional job. At a minimum, sailing engineers must have some level proficiency in welding, firefighting, first aid, technical writing, and analytical analysis. In moving to a management position, he has discovered a new and exciting level of job diversity within the industry. Vince enjoys the many aspects of leadership and business decision making, especially when they can be linked to the experience he has accumulated over his entire life.



**Erika Holtz**, Engineering and Quality Manager, Harbour Air Group

Erika has been involved in aviation all her life, beginning her professional career in 2003 as an EIT with International AeroProducts where she later became General Manager and Person Responsible for Quality to Transport Canada. In 2007 Erika completed her professional engineering status with APEGBC. Achieving her delegation status in 2010 as a Structural Delegate under the Design Approval Representative Program with Transport Canada, Erika became one of only ten structural DARs in the Pacific Region and started her own engineering company. In 2012, she accepted a position as the Engineering and Quality Manager for the Harbour Air Group of Companies. Erika has over 20 years of experience with modifications to general aircraft and over 15 years spent managing quality systems. Currently, Erika is the Project Manager and Lead Engineer for the Harbour Air electrification of the DHC-2 Beaver project and has been chosen this year as one of 8 "Women who Inspire" by Elevate Aviation.

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